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FOR UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON FROM AMBASSADOR; ARA FOR
ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ENERGY: WORKING PAPER ON POSSIBLE US-VENEZUELAN
AGREEMENT

1. I HAVE REQUESTED OUR PETROLEUM ATTACHE, GEORGE OGG, TO
REPORT FOR TDY IN DEPARTMENT JANUARY 21 TO HAVE A GENERAL
INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE ENERGY PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY IN
SO FAR AS VENEZUELA MAY BE OF HELP OR HINDRANCE AT THIS
CRITICAL TIME.

2. WITHOUT RECAPITULATING A PAPER WHICH I HAVE JUST SIGNED
OFF ON, OGG WILL BRING YOU OUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO A POSSIBLE
US-VENEZUELA ENERGY AGREEMENT SETTING OUT US OBJECTIVES,
PROBABLE VENEZUELAN OBJECTIVES AND A SUGGESTION FOR A
POSSIBLE AGREEMENT.

3. IN THIS REGARD, I WOULD RECALL TO YOU THAT (CARACAS 11017)
PRESIDENT-ELECT OF VENEZUELA TOLD ME DIRECTLY TWO WEEKS
AGO THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTRY INTO OFFICE IN THE FIRST
FORTNIGHT OF MARCH HE DESIRED TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE UNITED STATES ON PETROLEUM.

4. PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER OUR WORKING PAPER AS THE FINAL
WORD. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR SUCH COMMENTS AS YOU
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AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES MAY OFFER. I WOULD ALSO
HOPE THAT OGG MIGHT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MY
GOOD FRIEND BILL SIMON BEFORE HE RETURNS TO CARACAS WITH
THE WORDS OF WISDOM WE ALWAYS EXPECT FROM WASHINGTON.

5. HAPPY NEW YEAR.
MCCLINTOCK

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